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THE TEXAS RANGERS

AN EDWARD SMALL PRODUCTION

A COLUMBIA PICTURE IN
SUPERCINE COLOR

STARRING GEORGE MONTGOMERY
and GALE STORM



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TO AN OUTLAW STATE THEY BROUGHT
LAW AND ORDER...LOVE AND LEGEND

DON'T MISS COLUMBIA PICTURES' WESTERN DRAMA

"THE TEXAS RANGERS"

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JOHNNY CARVER



HELEN FENTON



BUFF SMITH



SAM BASS

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presents

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Starring

GEORGE MONTGOMERY • GALE STORM

with

Jerome Courtland Noah Beery, Jr. William Bishop

Screen Play by Richard Schayer

Produced by BERNARD SMALL • Directed by PHIL KARLSON

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Johnny Carver	GEORGE MONTGOMERY
Helen Fenton	GALE STORM
Buffy Banner	JEROME COURTLAND
Buff Smith	NOAH BEERY, JR.
Sam Bass	WILLIAM BISHOP
Major John D. Jones	JOHN LITL
Dave Budabaugh	DOUGLAS KENNEDY
John Wesley Hardin	JOHN DEHNER
The Sundance Kid	IAN MCDONALD
Burch Cassidy	JOHN DOUCETTE
Duke Fisher	JOCK O'MAHONEY
Jimmy	JOSEPH FALLON
Captain June Peak	MYRON HEALEY
Pecos Palmer	JULIAN RIVERA
Telegraph Operator	TREVOR BARDITT
Marshal Gordo	STANLEY ANDREWS
Banker Landon	EDWARD EABLE

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GUNS ROARED AND BULLETS WHINED THEIR SAVAGE SONG AS A LONE RIDER HEADED INTO THE OUTLAW CITADEL OF THE LAMPASAS! JOHNNY CARVER WAS AN EX-CONVICT AND EX-RANGER AND THE LAW AND LAWLESS ALIKE HAD SWORN TO HUNT HIM DOWN TO HIS DEATH!

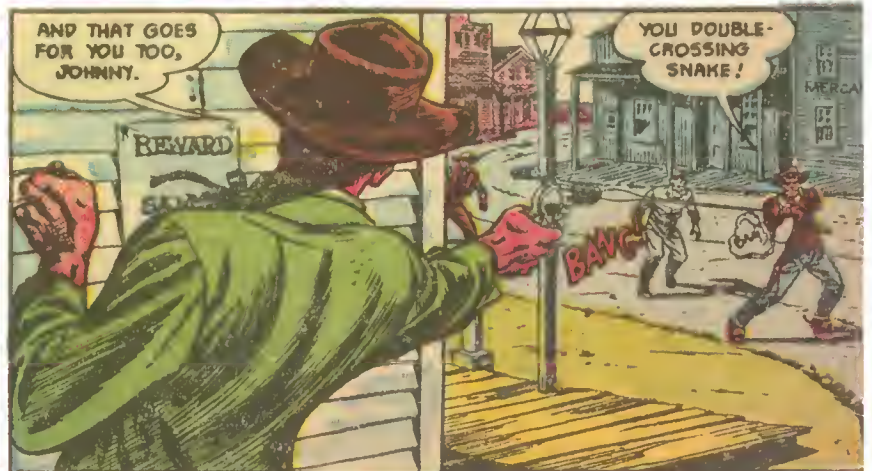
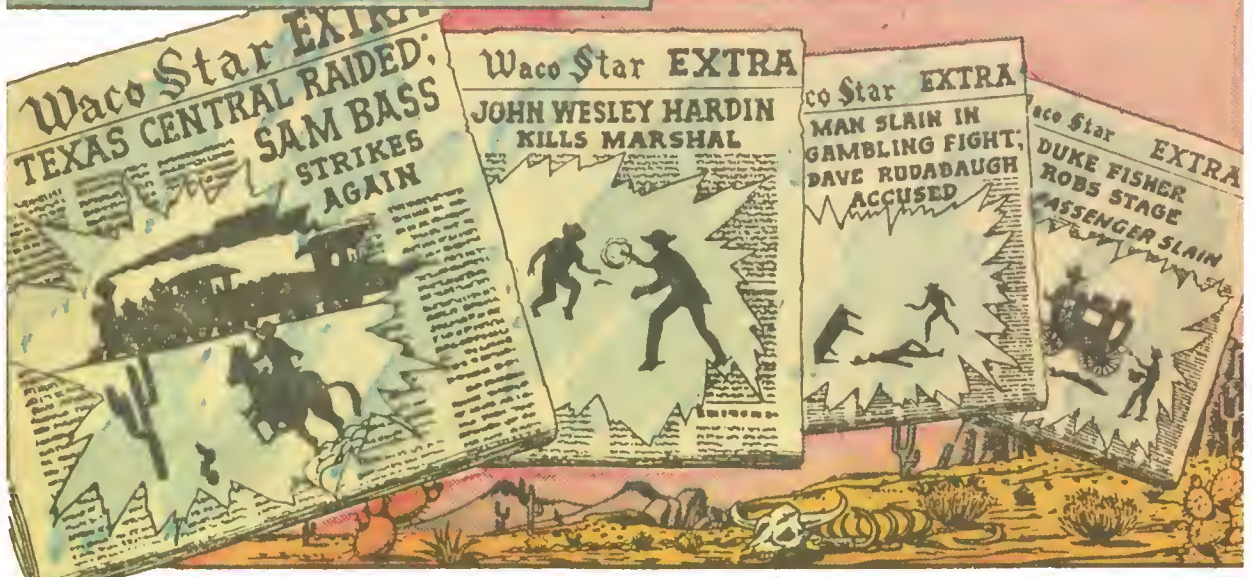
BUT THOUGH A HUNDRED GUNS WERE WAITING TO CUT HIM DOWN, JOHNNY RODE ON AGAINST A FATE THAT KEPT DEALING FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE DECK, FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE WITH MATCHLESS COURAGE TO PROVE HIMSELF WORTHY OF THE TEXAS RANGERS!

BANG

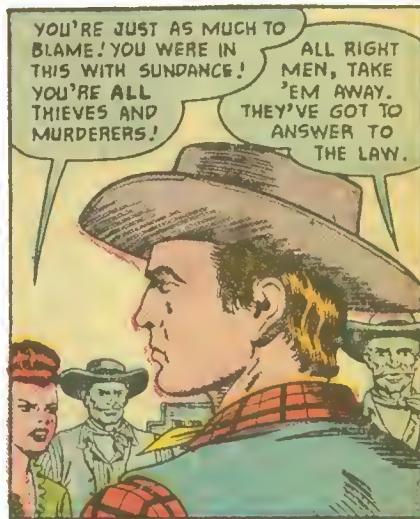
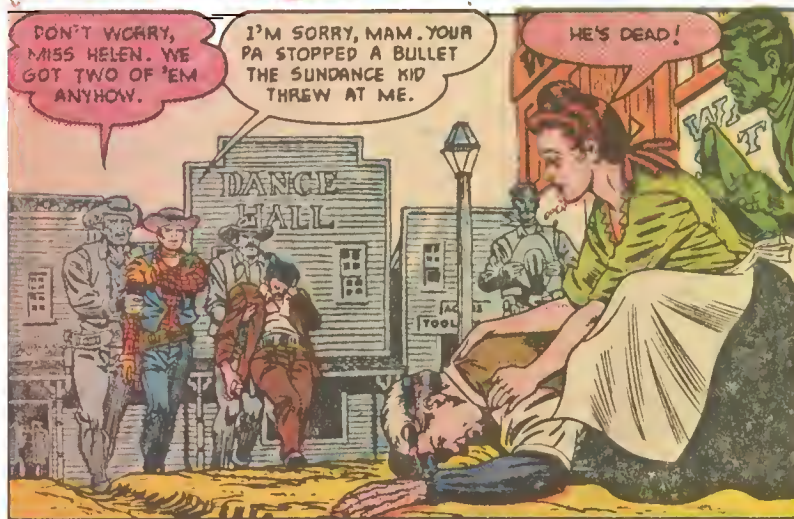
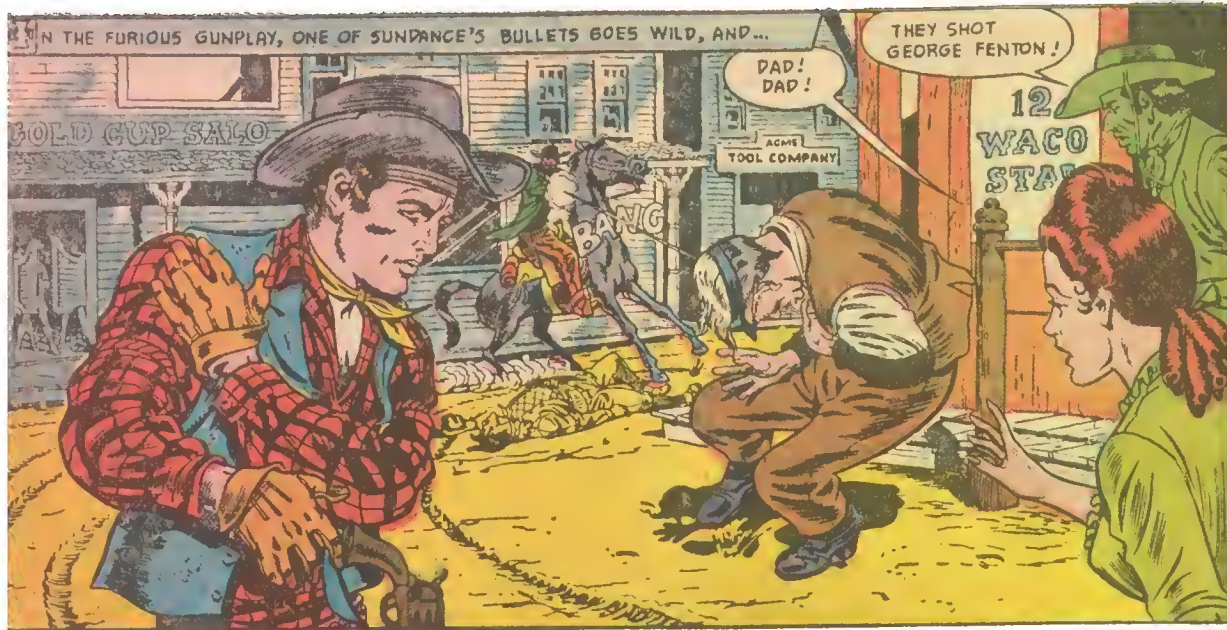


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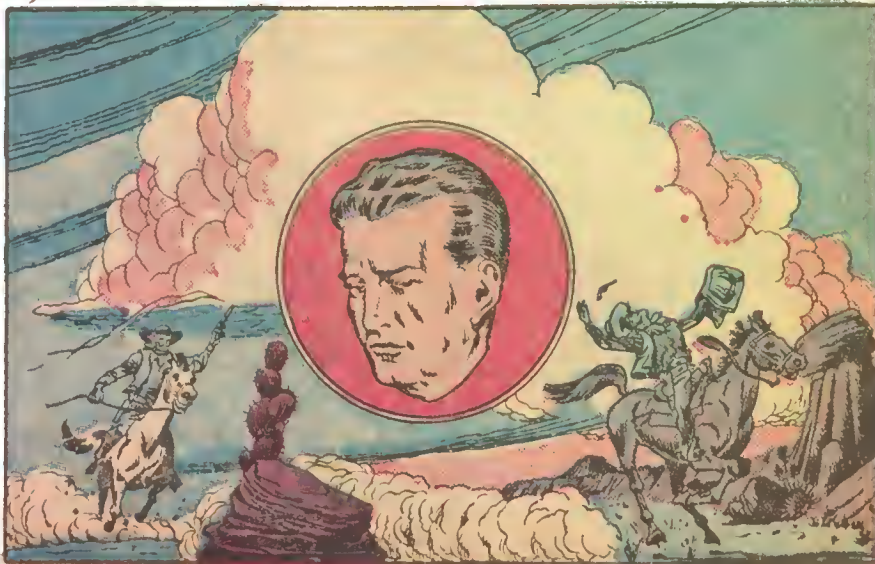
IN 1874, WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNION ARMY AFTER THE CIVIL WAR, TEXAS WAS LEFT TO THE MERCY OF SOME OF THE MOST RUTHLESS BANDITS IN CRIMINAL HISTORY.



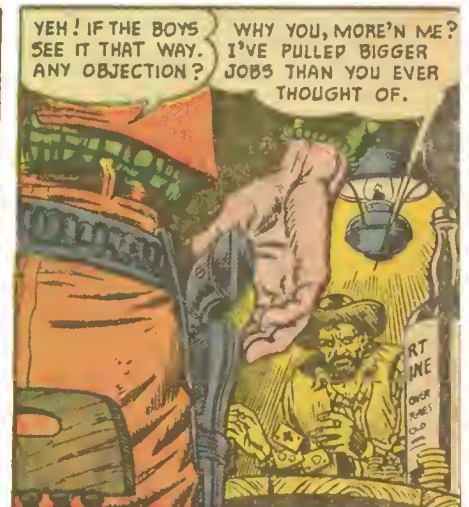
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IN THE FACE OF THIS WHOLE-
SALE LAWLESSNESS, THE
PEOPLE OF TEXAS DEMANDED
THE STATE ONCE AGAIN CALL
INTO BEING THE
TEXAS RANGERS,
DEMOBILIZED SINCE THE
BEGINNING OF THE CIVIL WAR.
UNDER THE ABLE COMMAND
OF MAJOR JOHN D. JONES,
A FORMER OFFICER OF THE
CONFEDERACY, THOSE
HARD-RIDING, FAST-SHOOTING
PLAINSMEN BEGAN ONCE
MORE TO HUNT DOWN ALL
KNOWN DESPERADOES.



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THE BAND OF OUTLAWS, NOW HIGHLY ORGANIZED, RIDES ROUGHSHOD OVER LAW AND ORDER IN THE FOLLOWING MONTHS!



THE GOVERNOR CALLS MAJOR JONES, COMMANDER OF THE RANGERS, TO THE STATE CAPITAL!

MAJOR, LOOK AT THIS PILE OF COMPLAINTS AND NEWSPAPER ATTACKS ON MY ADMINISTRATION. SAM BASS IS MAKING TEXAS THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE NATION.

GOVERNOR, I'VE LOST THIRTY GOOD MEN IN THE PAST MONTH TRYING TO RUN HIM DOWN.



WE'VE GOT TO PUT SAM BASS OUT OF BUSINESS BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE CONVENES IN TWO WEEKS, OR IT MEANS THE END OF THE RANGERS.

THAT'S A TALL ORDER, SIR. BUT IF YOU'LL AGREE TO A PLAN I HAVE, I THINK WE CAN DO THE JOB.



TWO DAYS LATER AT THE STATE PENITENTIARY....

MAJOR JONES! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, SIR. EVEN AFTER TWO YEARS IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.

IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE AN OLD FRIEND. BUT IT LOOKS AS IF YOUR LUCK'S RUN OUT, JOHNNY.



WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AFTER THE WAR? YOU WERE ONE OF MY BEST PLATOON SERGEANTS. WHAT WENT WRONG?

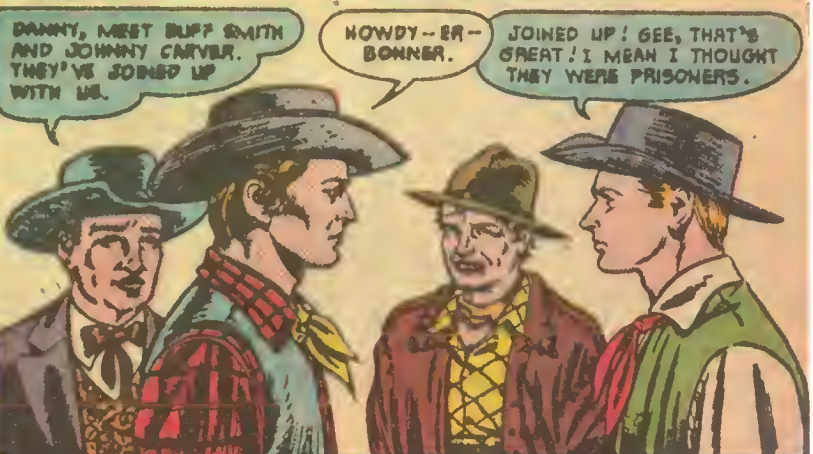
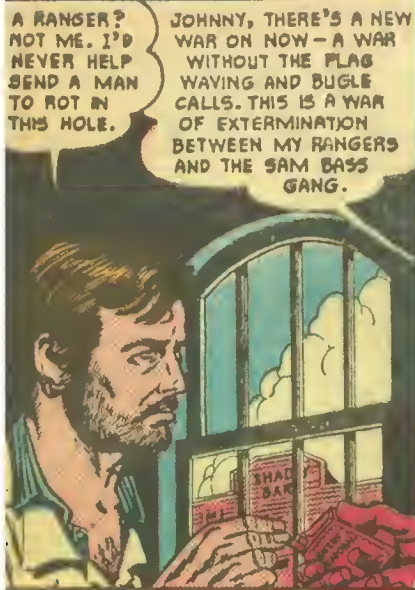
I GOT HOME TO FIND THE RANCH BURNED DOWN IN A YANKEE GUERRILLA RAID. MA AND PA KILLED, AND MY KID BROTHER WOUNDED.



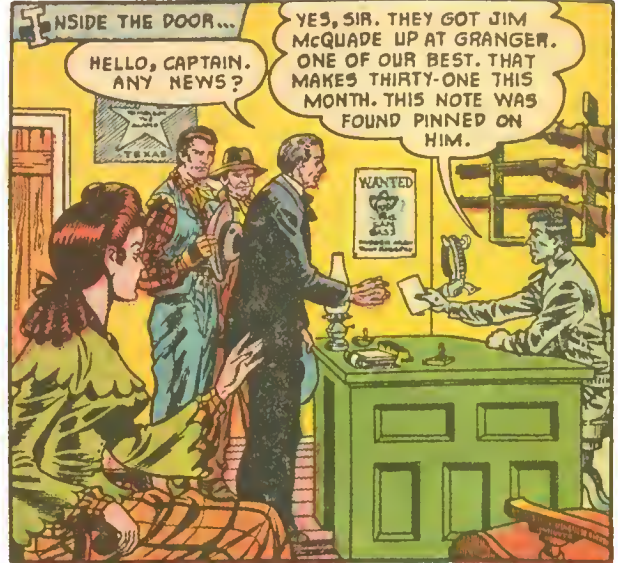
I GOT THE KID TAKEN CARE OF, AND THEN JOINED UP WITH THE BORDER RAIDERS. YOU KNOW THE REST.

TOO BAD. YOU'D HAVE MADE A FINE RANGER.





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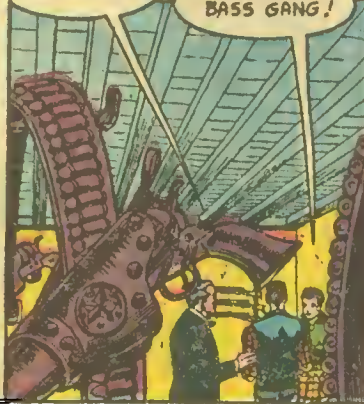


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TWO YEARS AGO, TEXAS WAS AN OUTLAW STATE. MANY YOUNG MEN, CAPABLE OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP HAD DRIFTED INTO LIVES OF CRIME AND VIOLENCE.



THESE TWO MEN ARE CASES IN POINT, AND I BELIEVE THEY SHOULD HAVE THIS CHANCE TO REDEEM THEMSELVES.



MAJOR, I WAS HOPING TO GO BACK AND TELL THE PEOPLE OF MY COUNTY THAT THE RANGERS WOULD SOON CLEAN OUT THE SAM BASS GANG!

AND YOU CAN. THESE TWO ARE JUST THE KIND OF MEN WE NEED TO ROUND UP THAT OUTFIT. WE'RE FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE.



IF THE TEXAS RANGERS LET THESE MEN IN, THEN MCLENNON COUNTY MIGHT AS WELL ELECT SAM BASS AS SHERIFF. GOOD DAY, SIR.



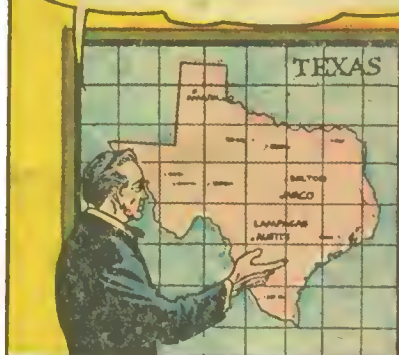
RECKON YOU'LL HAVE TO READ THE NEXT EDITION OF THE WACO STAR THROUGH SMOKED GLASSES.



I'M AFRAID SO. NOW, BOYS, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS MAP!



WE KNOW BASS IS WORKING OUT OF THE LAMPASAS COUNTRY. BUT HIS MEN ARE BLOCKING EVERY KNOWN TRAIL. I WANT YOU TO LOCATE HIS HIDE-OUT AND SPOT AN UNGUARDED PATH INTO IT.



RECKON BUFF AND I KNOW A HUNDRED DEER TRACKS IN THAT COUNTRY. WE'LL FIND A WAY THROUGH.



VERY WELL, THEN. PUT YOUR HANDS ON THE BIBLE AND REPEAT AFTER ME: — I SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO RENDER LOYAL SERVICE TO THE STATE OF TEXAS, AND...



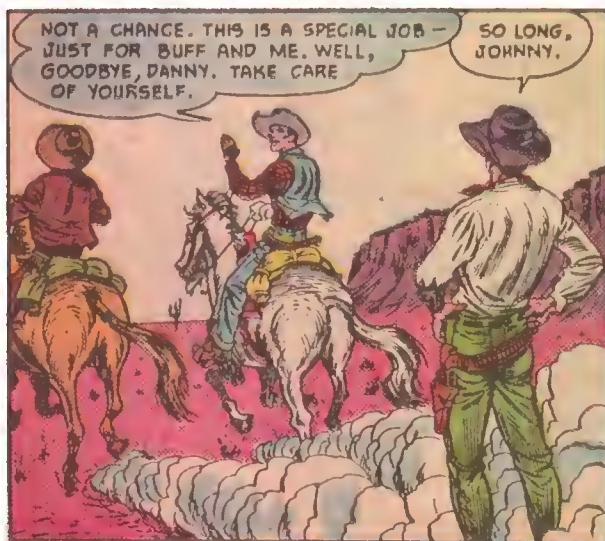
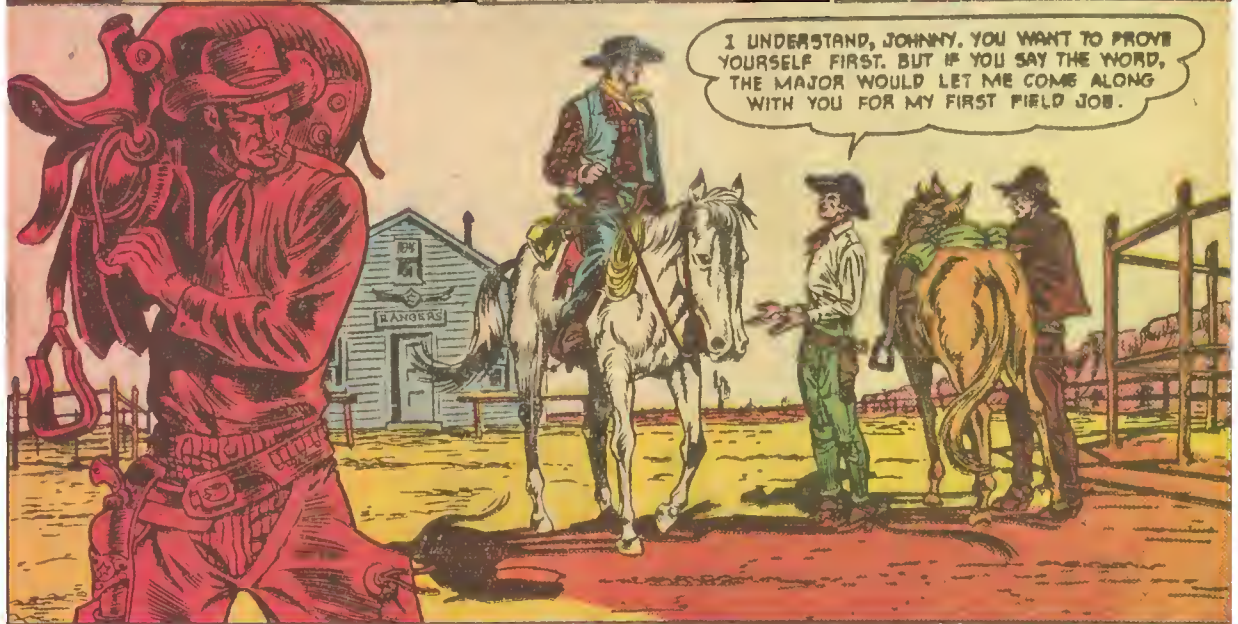
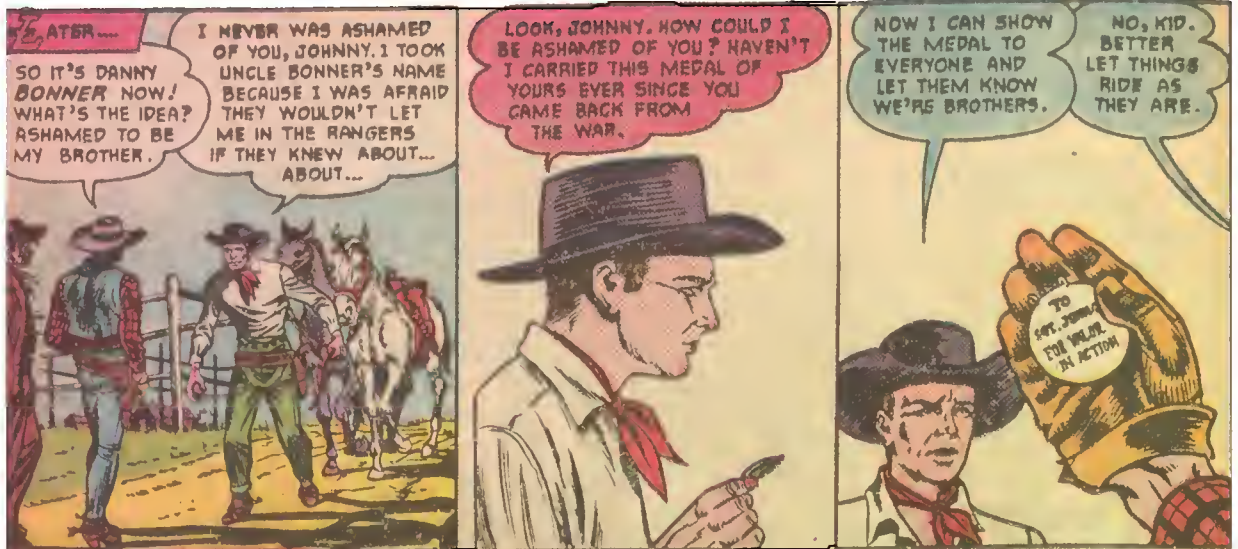
GOOD. THEN WHEN YOU'RE ALL SET, REPORT TO ME. I'LL BE A DAY'S RIDE BEHIND YOU WITH ALL THE MEN I CAN ASSEMBLE FOR A SURPRISE ATTACK. ANY QUESTIONS?



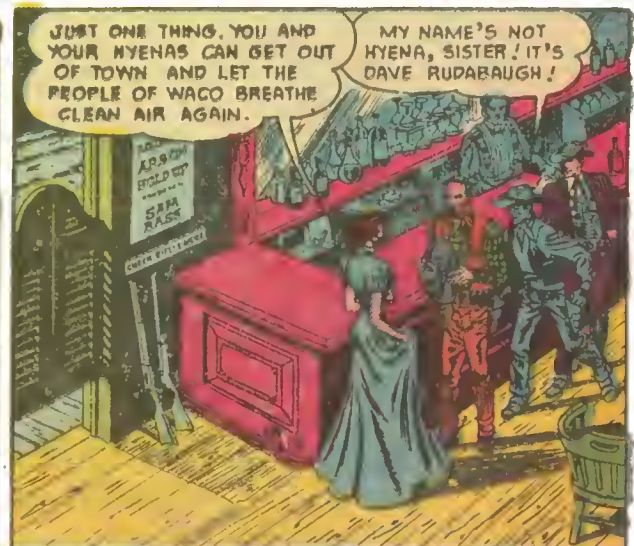
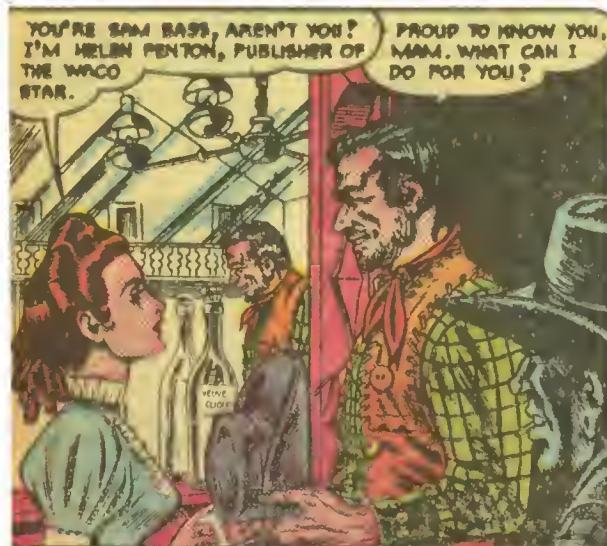
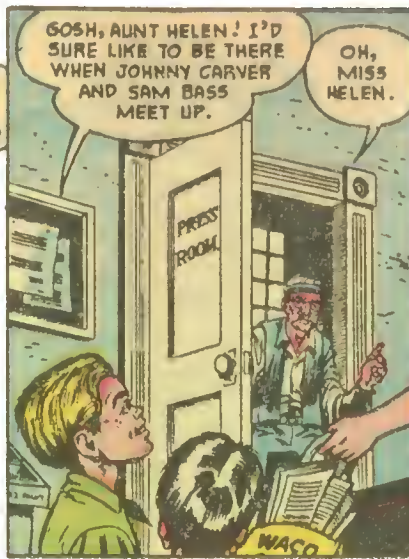
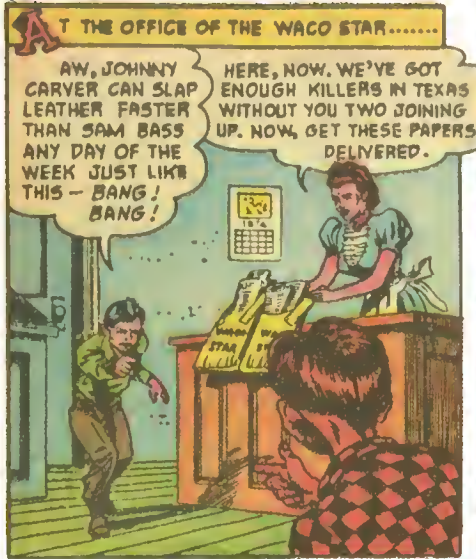
NO SIR!

I SOLEMNLY SWEAR...

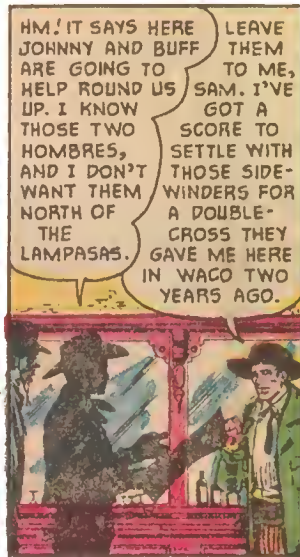
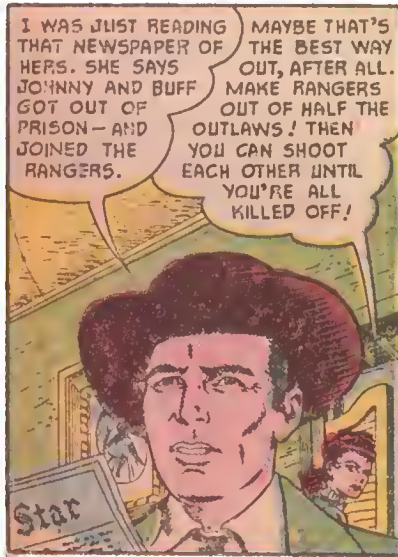
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WES, GET OVER TO THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE. JEFF AND BART ARE DOWN AT BELTON, CASING THE BANK. WIRE THEM TO WATCH FOR CARVER AT PECOS PALMER'S PLACE IN GRANGER.

GOOD IDEA, SAM.

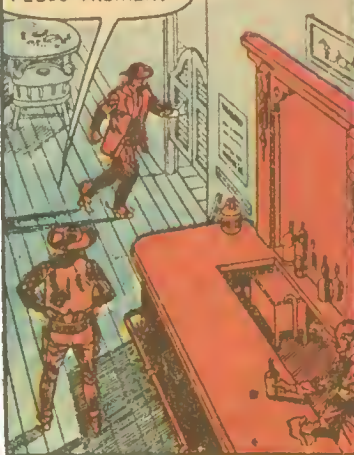


SUNDANCE, START SOUTH RIGHT NOW. I WANT THOSE TWO STOPPED BELOW BELTON, SO THEY CAN'T INTERFERE WITH THE BANK JOB.

RIGHT. I KNOW THE SPOT WHERE I CAN WINCHESTER THEM BOTH RIGHT OUT OF THEIR SADDLES.



AND ON YOUR WAY DOWN, DROP IN ON THE TELEGRAPH OPERATOR AT LITTLE RIVER. HE MAY HAVE SOME WORD FROM PECOS PALMER.



EARLY THE NEXT DAY...

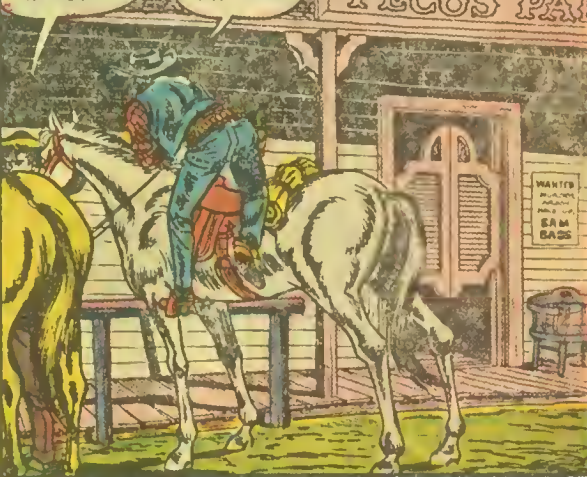
PECOS PALMER'S PLACE IS UP AHEAD. WE OUGHT TO PICK UP THE SUNDANCE KID'S TRAIL THERE.

NOW, JOHNNY, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GO GUNNING FOR THAT SNAKE FIRST, ARE YOU?



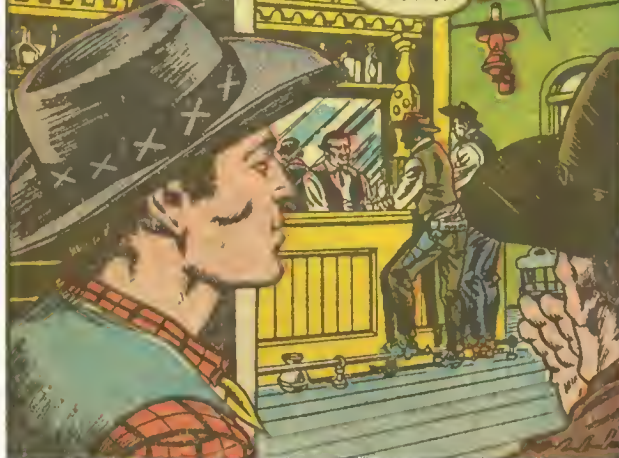
THE MAJOR'S ORDERS WERE TO LOCATE SAM BASS' HIDE-OUT!

BUT THE SUNDANCE KID'S THE FIRST ON MY LIST.



NOBODY I KNOW HERE BUT PECOS.

EASY, JOHNNY. I'VE SEEN THEM TWO AT THE BAR BEFORE. THEY'RE IN SAM BASS' OUTFIT.



WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T RANGERS JOHNNY CARVER AND BUFF SMITH.

YOU GET NEWS AROUND HERE PRETTY FAST, PECOS. WHO OWNS THAT SORREL PONY OUTSIDE?



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RECKON THAT'S MY HORSE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, RANGER, WHAT'S IT TO YOU?

THAT PONY LOOKS PLUMB TUCKERED OUT. YOU BOYS SURE MUST'VE BEEN IN A HURRY TO GET HERE. WHO SENT YOU TO MEET ME... SAM BASS OR THE SUNDANCE KID?

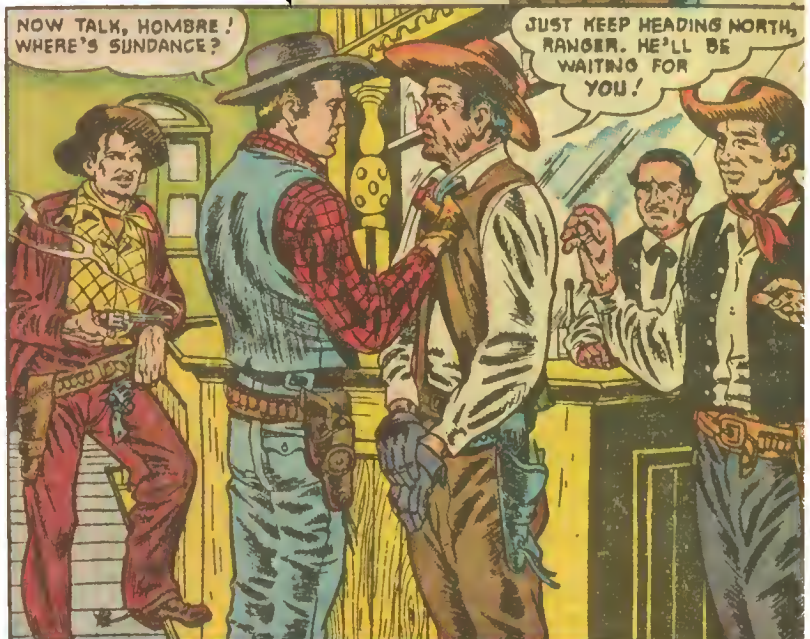


IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO SENT US AS LONG AS WE GET YOU!



YOU'LL GET NOBODY! KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE OTHER GALOOT, JOHNNY!

BANG



NOW TALK, HOMBRE! WHERE'S SUNDANCE?

JUST KEEP HEADING NORTH, RANGER. HE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!



THAT SUITS ME FINE. C'MON, BUFF! LET'S RIDE!

AND AT THE LITTLE RIVER TELEGRAPH OFFICE....

HOWDY, SUNDANCE. BIG NEWS ON THE WIRE. PEGOS PALMER JUST WIRED THAT THE RANGERS ARE RIDING NORTH LOOKING FOR YOU!

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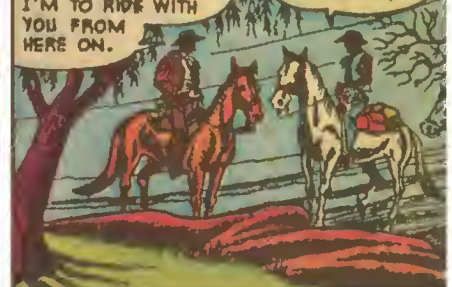
THAT'S FUNNY. I'M LOOKING FOR THEM, TOO. SO LONG, JIM.



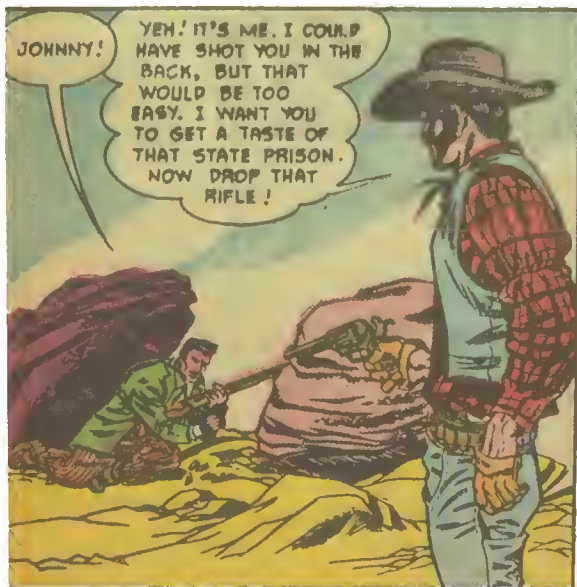
MEANWHILE, A FEW MILES TO THE SOUTH A MESSENGER JOINS JOHNNY AND BUFF!

HI, JOHNNY. MAJOR JONES SENT ME TO WARN YOU. HE GOT WORD SAM BASS' OUTFIT IS HEADING SOUTH FROM WACO. I'M TO RIDE WITH YOU FROM HERE ON.

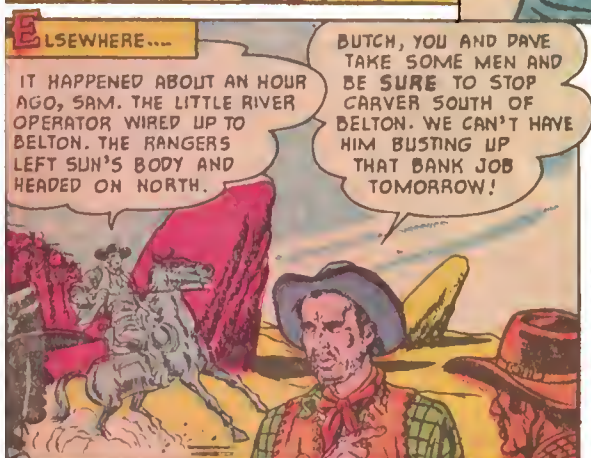
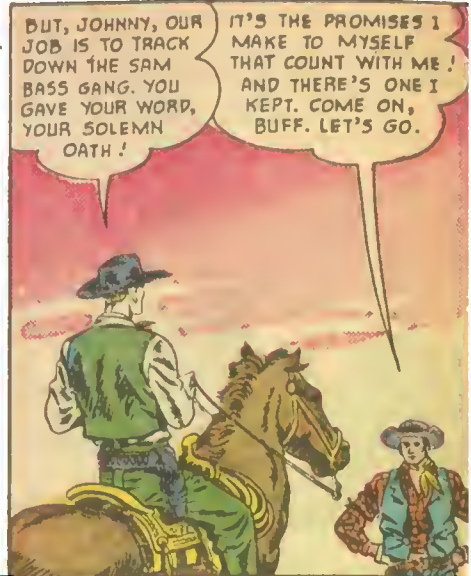
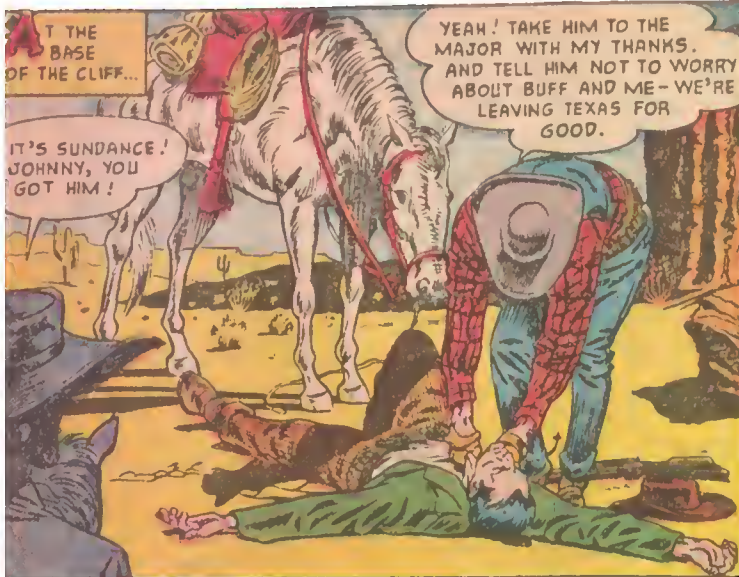
DON'T KID ME, DANNY. THE MAJOR KNOWS WHO YOU ARE AND HE SENT YOU OUT BECAUSE HE DOESN'T TRUST ME.



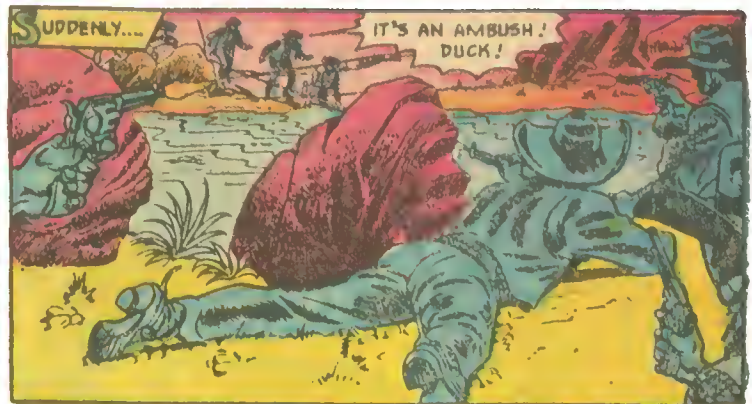
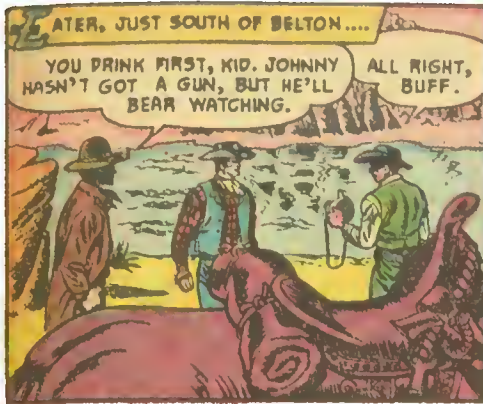
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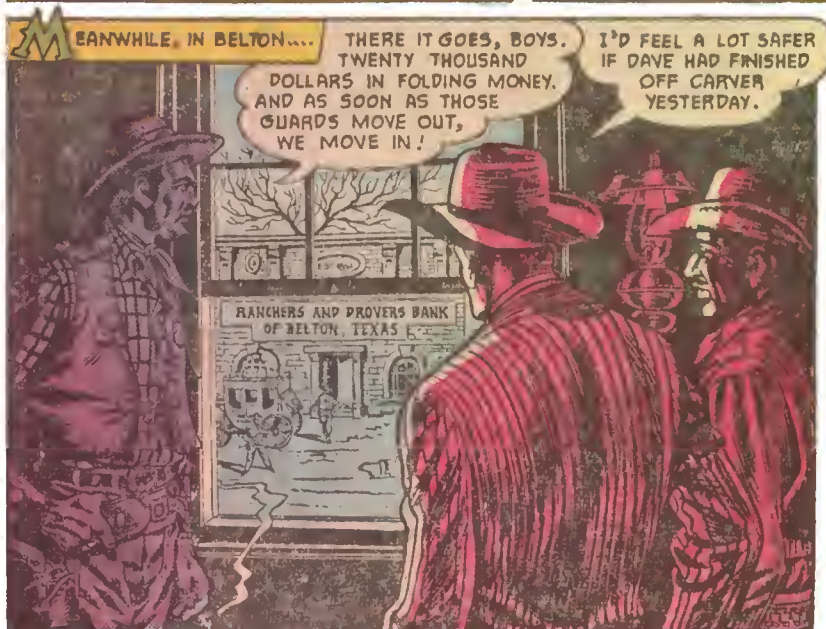
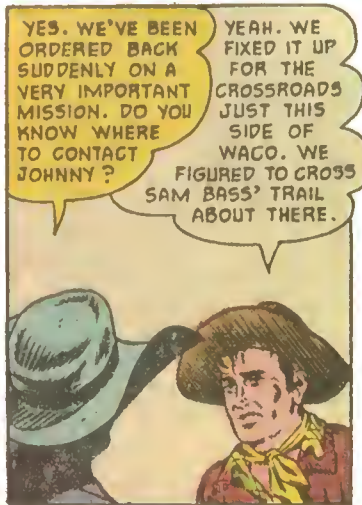
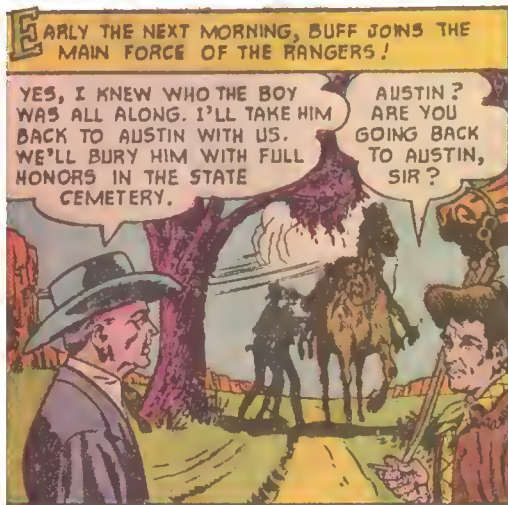
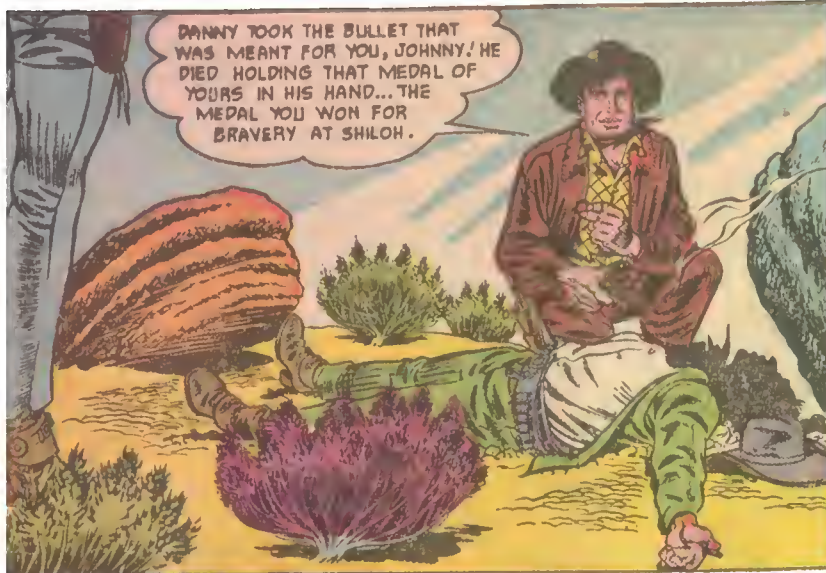
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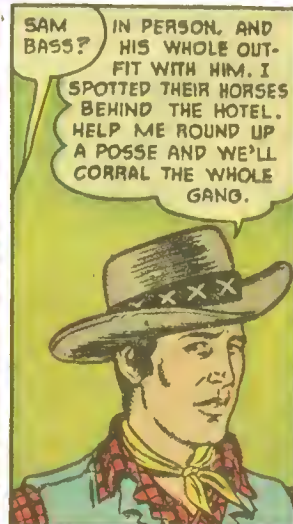
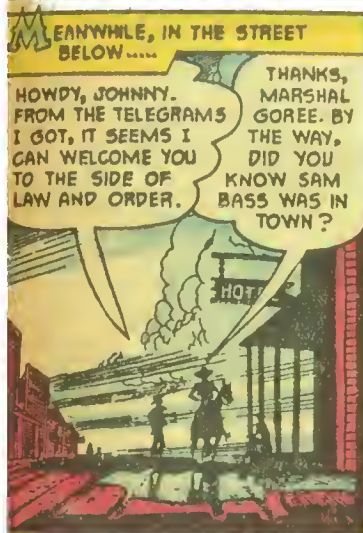
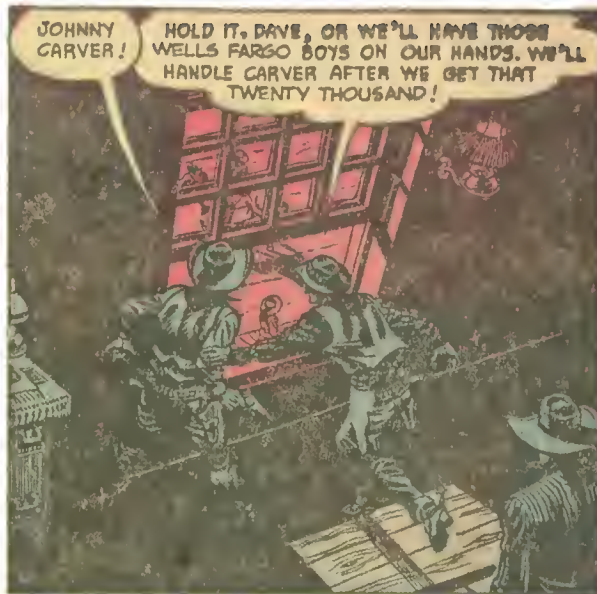
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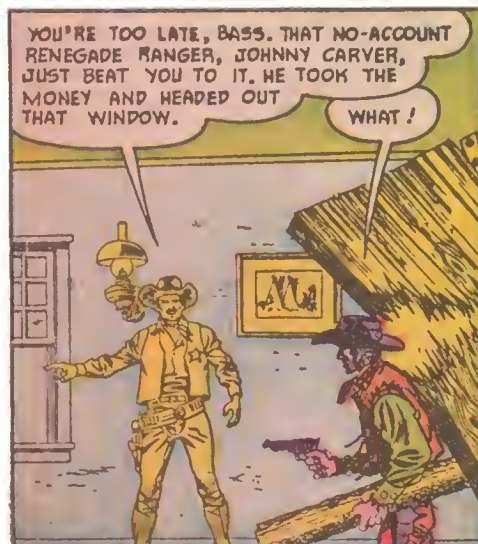
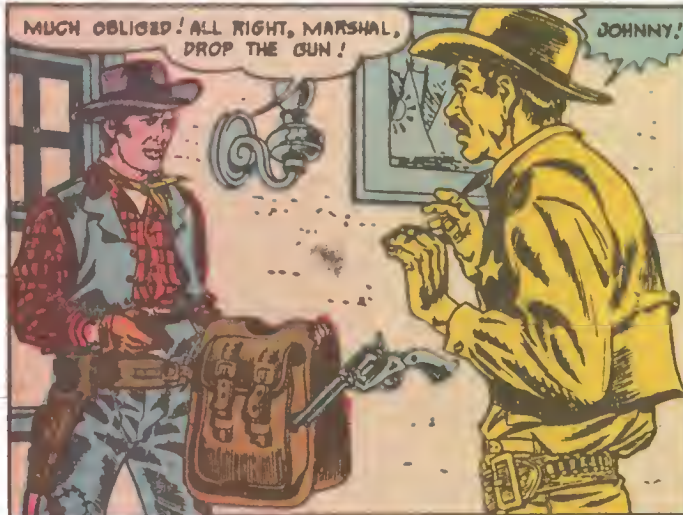
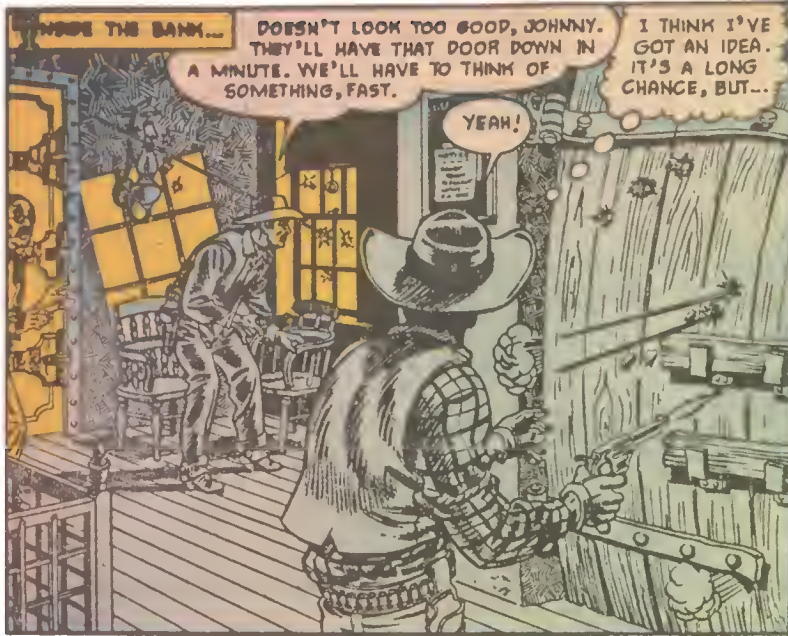
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YES. THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO DO. WIRE EVERY RANGER OUT-POST AND EVERY SHERIFF IN THE STATE. WE WANT JOHNNY CARVER, DEAD OR ALIVE.

I'M HOLDING OUT TO BUY MY WAY INTO THE GANG. I'VE GOT TO JOIN THEM BEFORE I CAN FIND OUT HOW TO TRAP THEM.

TWO DAYS LATER, AT A CROSSROADS SOUTH OF WACO....

ALL RIGHT, YOU DOUBLE-CROSSER. I JUST HEARD ABOUT THE BELTON JOB. THEY GOT WANTED NOTICES OUT ON YOU ALL OVER TEXAS.

EASY, BUFF. I HAD TO KEEP OLD MARSHAL GOREE FROM BEING SHOT, AND SAVE THAT MONEY FROM THE BASS GANG. IT'S IN A SAFE PLACE!

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BUT, JOHNNY, THE MAJOR WANTS US BACK IN AUSTIN TO HELP PROTECT THE YANKEE GOLD TRAIN.

THE YANKS ARE LENDING TEXAS A MILLION DOLLARS IN CASH. IT'S COMING DOWN NEXT FRIDAY ON A TEXAS CENTRAL SPECIAL TRAIN.

BUFF, THIS MAY BE OUR CHANCE TO LAY THAT SAM BASS OUTFIT IN THE MAJOR'S LAP. I'M GOING TO WACO.



BUT THAT BASS GANG WILL BLAST YOU OUT OF YOUR SADDLE, JOHNNY.

STOP WORRYING. JUST HIDE IN THAT CLUMP OF TREES UNTIL I GET BACK.



BACK IN WACO...



Waco Star
RENEGADE RANGER
ROBS ROBBERS
JOHN CARVER
OUTWITS SAM
BASS OUTLAWS
AND STEALS
THEIR LOOT.

OH, MR. CARVER! JUST A MINUTE, PLEASE.



YOU SEE, IT'S MY JOB TO INTERVIEW CELEBRITIES. IN YOUR CASE I'M ANXIOUS TO GET SOME FACTS FOR YOUR OBITUARY.

AREN'T YOU A LITTLE PREVIOUS, MAM? I'M FEELING RIGHT FINE.



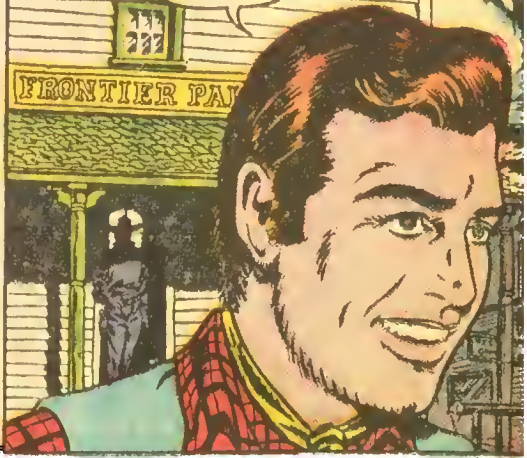
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WHY SURE, MAM. WHAT ABOUT?

I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO BREAK A SOLEMN OATH, AND THEN TO DOUBLE-CROSS YOUR OWN THIEVING PALS, SO THAT YOU WIND UP HUNTED BY BOTH THE LAW AND THE OUTLAWS!

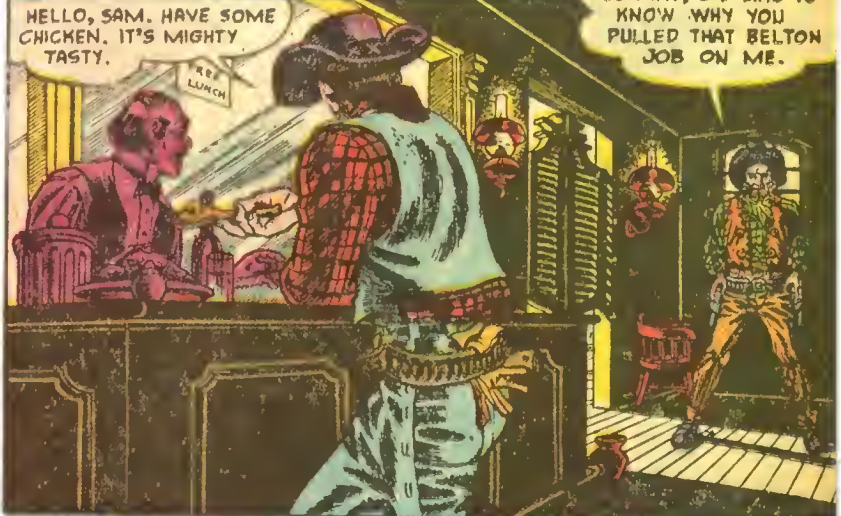
SISTER, YOU WOULDN'T BE A BAD LOOKER IF YOU WASHED THAT PRINTER'S INK OFF YOUR FACE AND HANDS.



LATER, AS JOHNNY EATS IN THE FRONTIER PALACE....

HELLO, SAM. HAVE SOME CHICKEN. IT'S MIGHTY TASTY.

BEFORE I DROP YOU, JOHNNY, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHY YOU PULLED THAT BELTON JOB ON ME.



I FIGURED IT WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD GET TO TALK TO YOU WITHOUT SHOOTING. YOU SEE, THERE'S A DEAL COMING UP THAT ONLY YOU AND YOUR OUTFIT CAN HANDLE.

SUCH AS WHAT?

NOT MAY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

IT'S ABOUT A CERTAIN TRAIN...AND A MILLION DOLLARS IN COLD CASH.

AM! THAT CHICKEN DOES LOOK GOOD AT THAT. KEEP TALKING.



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TELL WES HARDIN TO STOP POKING HIS GUN THROUGH THOSE DOORS, WILL YOU, SAM? HE MAKES ME NERVOUS.

ALL RIGHT, BOYS. COME ON IN.



IN A SAFE SPOT, SAM! I'LL TAKE YOU TO IT SOME DAY. ALL I WANT IS MY CUT! TO SHOW YOU I MEAN IT, I'LL GIVE YOU TWO THOUSAND I HELD OUT FOR EXPENSES ON THIS MONEY TRAIN JOB.

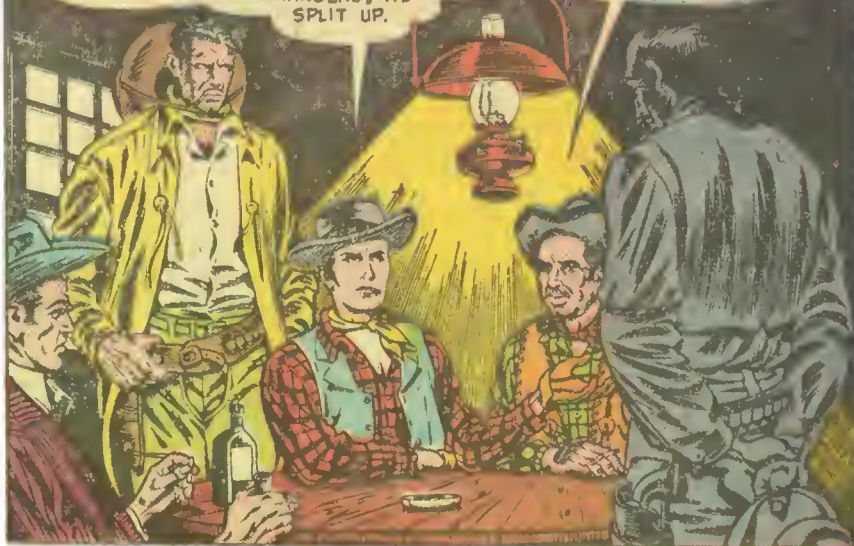
OKAY, YOU'RE IN, JOHNNY. NOW ABOUT THIS TREASURE TRAIN. IS IT THE YANKEE LOAN TO TEXAS I HEARD ABOUT?



LATER, IN THE BACK ROOM OF THE PALACE...

...SO WHEN BUFF GOT RELIGION AND WANTED TO STAY WITH THE RANGERS, WE SPLIT UP.

IF YOU AIN'T A RANGER NOW, THEN WHERE'S THAT BELTON LOOT?



RIGHT! IT'S COMING DOWN BY SPECIAL TRAIN ON THE TEXAS CENTRAL BRANCH FROM DALLAS. I SAW THE ORDERS ON MAJOR JONES' DESK.

YEAH! WHAT DAY AND WHAT TRAIN NUMBER?



IF I TOLD YOU EVERYTHING, SAM, YOU WOULDN'T NEED ME. BUT I FIGURE WE'D BETTER BE AT ROUND ROCK BY FRIDAY MORNING.

ROUND ROCK SUITS ME FINE. THE DEPOT IS RIGHT IN TOWN. LOTS OF COVER AND AN EASY GETAWAY. IT'S A DEAL. SHAKE, JOHNNY.

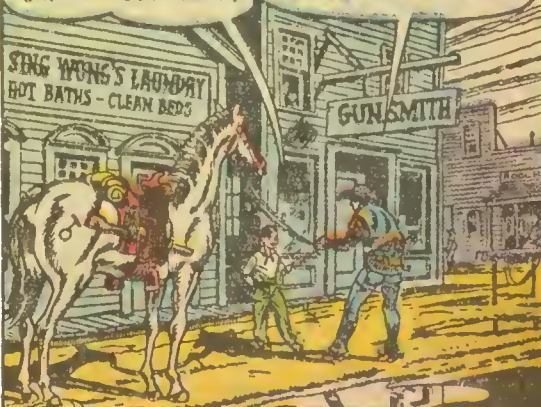


OKAY, FARDNER. AND NOW, I THINK I'LL GET ME A BATH OVER AT SING WONG'S. SEE YOU ALL LATER.

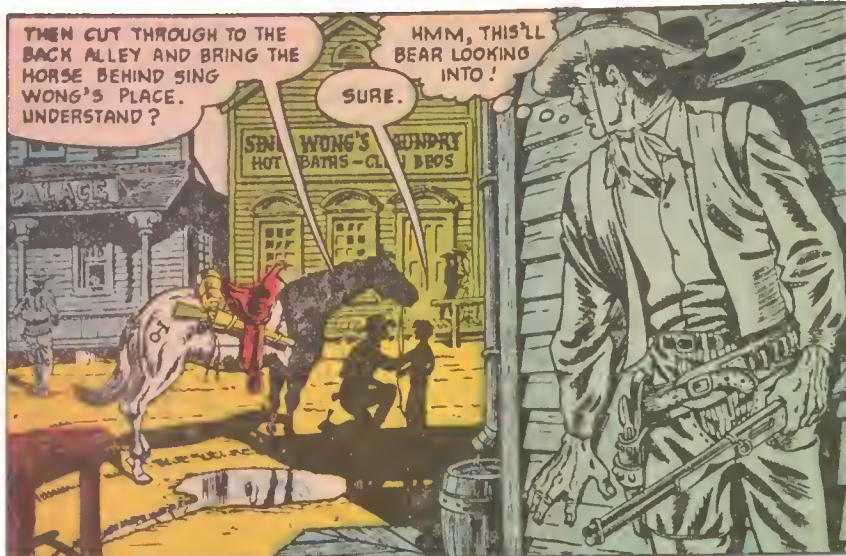


LATER... HOWDY, MR. CARVER. SAY, AIN'T YOU AND SAM BASS GOING TO SHOOT IT OUT TODAY?

NOT TODAY, I RECKON. SAY, KID, HERE'S A DOLLAR. DO ME A FAVOR, WILL YOU? JUST LEAD MY PONY UP THE STREET TO THE LIVERY STABLE.



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THEN CUT THROUGH TO THE BACK ALLEY AND BRING THE HORSE BEHIND SING WONG'S PLACE. UNDERSTAND?

HMM, THIS'LL BEAR LOOKING INTO!

SURE.

UNAWARE THAT HE IS BEING WATCHED, JOHNNY SLIPS OUT OF TOWN FOR HIS RENDEZVOUS WITH BUFF! THERE....

ALL RIGHT. I'LL TAKE THE TRAIN FOR AUSTIN AND TELL THE MAJOR YOU'VE GOT SAM BASS FIXING TO ROB THE GOLD TRAIN AT ROUND ROCK NEXT FRIDAY.

AND YOU CAN SQUARE ME WITH THE MAJOR FOR THE BELTON JOB, TOO. WELL, SO LONG, BUFF.



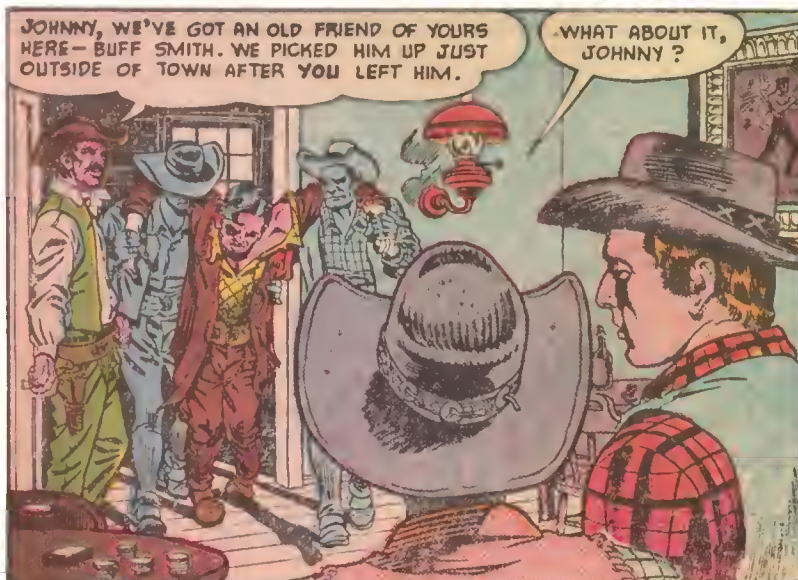
ALL RIGHT, MEN. THEY'RE BREAKING UP. YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO. GET BUFF SMITH AND GET HIM ALIVE.



HOURS LATER, AT THE FRONTIER PALACE.....

YOU LOOK SLICK AS A WET MUSKRAT, JOHNNY. ENJOY YOUR BATH OVER AT WONG'S?

YEAH. AND I CAUGHT UP ON SOME LOST SLEEP, TOO.



JOHNNY, WE'VE GOT AN OLD FRIEND OF YOURS HERE - BUFF SMITH. WE PICKED HIM UP JUST OUTSIDE OF TOWN AFTER YOU LEFT HIM.

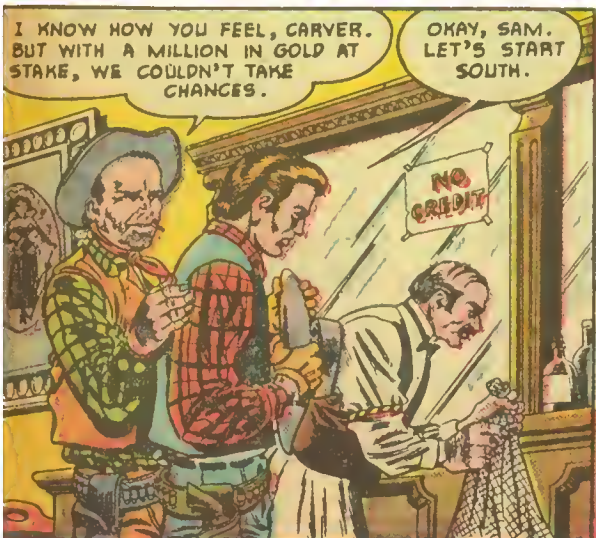
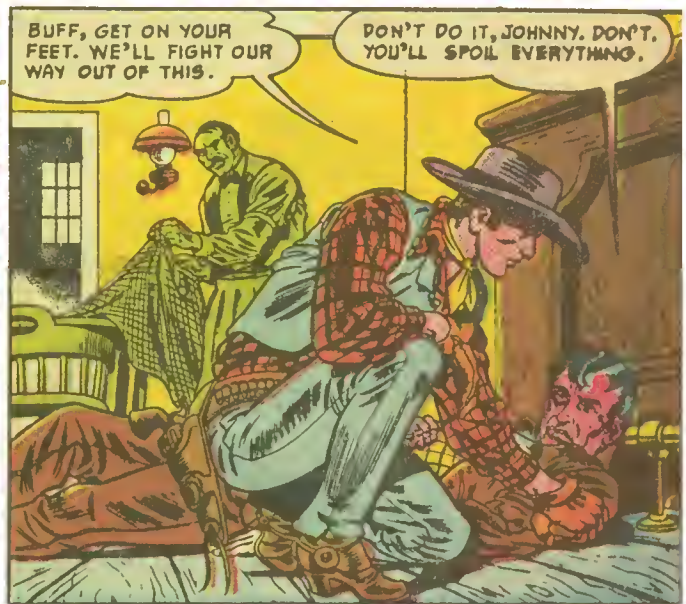
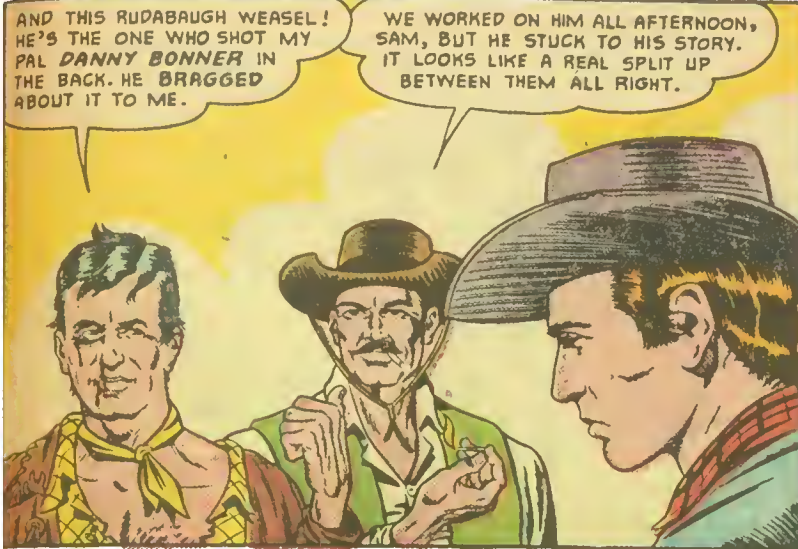
WHAT ABOUT IT, JOHNNY?



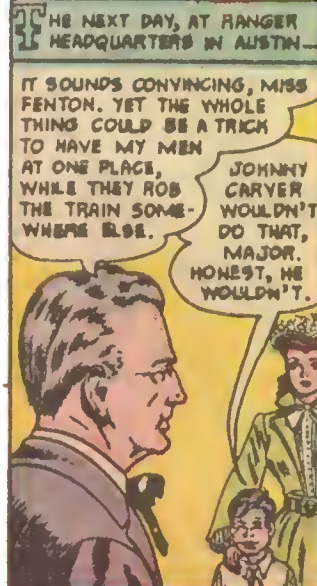
SURE I MET HIM. I WANTED TO GIVE HIM A LAST CHANCE TO QUIT THE RANGERS AND THROW IN WITH US.

THROW IN WITH YOU? AFTER YOU RAN OUT ON THE MAJOR? THE MAN WHO TOOK YOU OUT OF PRISON?

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FRIDAY MORNING, AT THE LITTLE RIVER TELEGRAPH OFFICE.....

JOHNNY'S RIGHT. THAIN FORTY-FOUR IS OUR BABY. SHE'S HIGHBALLING DOWN TO ROUND ROCK WITHOUT A STOP! THREE GUARDS ARE IN THE MONEY CAR AND SOME PINKERTONS ARE RIDING PASSENGER.

WELL THEN, WE BETTER HIGHTAIL IT FOR ROUND ROCK, SAM.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO ROUND ROCK / DAVE, YOU KNOW THAT HORSESHOE CURVE A FEW MILES NORTH OF ROUND ROCK?

SAY, THAT GOLD TRAIN'LL HAVE TO SLOW DOWN TO A WALK WHEN SHE MAKES IT.

RIGHT! NOW THAT'S WHEN YOU AND DUKE TAKE OVER THE ENGINE, UNCOUPLE THE EXPRESS CAR, AND LEAVE THE PINKERTONS WITH THE REST OF THE TRAIN BEHIND.

WHEN YOU SHAKE THAT EXPRESS CAR LOOSE, GIVE US ONE LONG AND ONE SHORT BLAST ON THE ENGINE WHISTLE SO WE'LL KNOW EVERYTHING IS SET. WE'LL BE WAITING AT THE WATER TANK.

ONE LONG AND ONE SHORT! OKAY! NOW GIVE ME A THIRD MAN FOR THE UNCOUPLING, AND WE CAN'T MISS.

RECKON I CAN HELP YOU THERE. I'M AN OLD RAIL-ROADER MYSELF. WE'LL CUT ACROSS THE HILLS AND FIND A GOOD SPOT TO JUMP THE TRAIN!

RIGHT! NOW GET GOING.

AIN'T WE ABOUT THROUGH WITH THAT COUNTERFEIT, SAM?

SURE, DAVE. FINISH HIM OFF SOON AS HE UNCOUPLES THAT CAR.

OH, MR. BASS. I JUST GOT A FLASH FROM ROUND ROCK. THE WHOLE TOWN'S FULL OF RANGERS.

WELL, WHADDYA KNOW! LIKE I ALWAYS SAID, YOU CAN'T TRUST ANYBODY NOWADAYS.

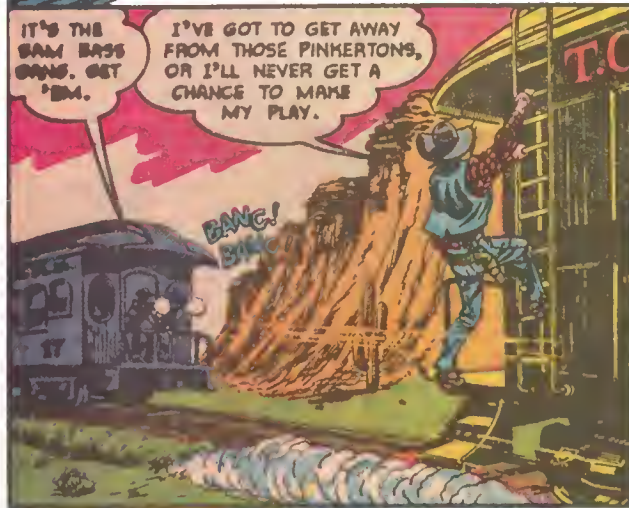
TWO HOURS LATER....

HERE SHE COMES, SLOWING DOWN FOR THE CURVE. DUKE AND I'LL TAKE THE ENGINE CAB. YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, JOHNNY?

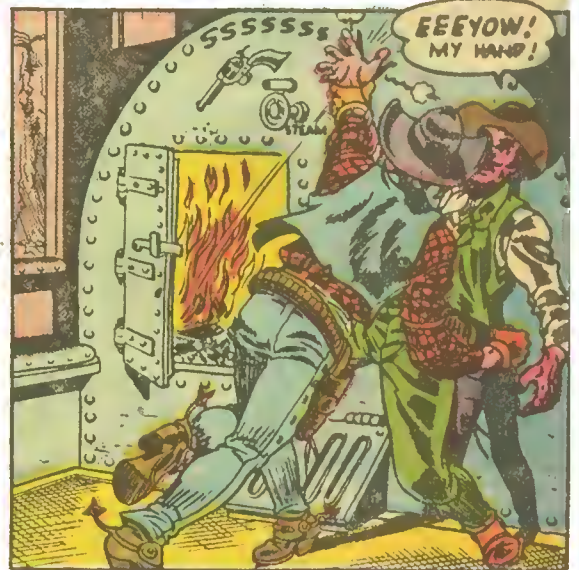
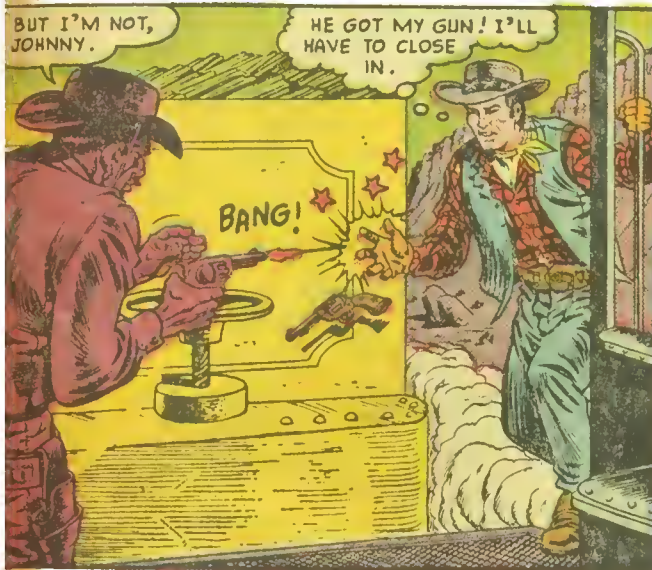
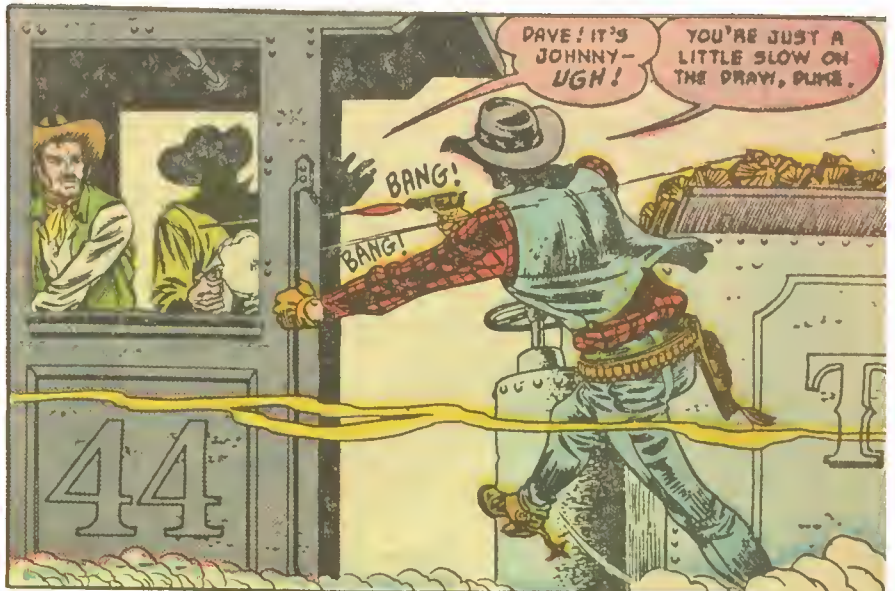
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I CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH THIS. I'VE GOT TO FIGURE SOMETHING OUT.

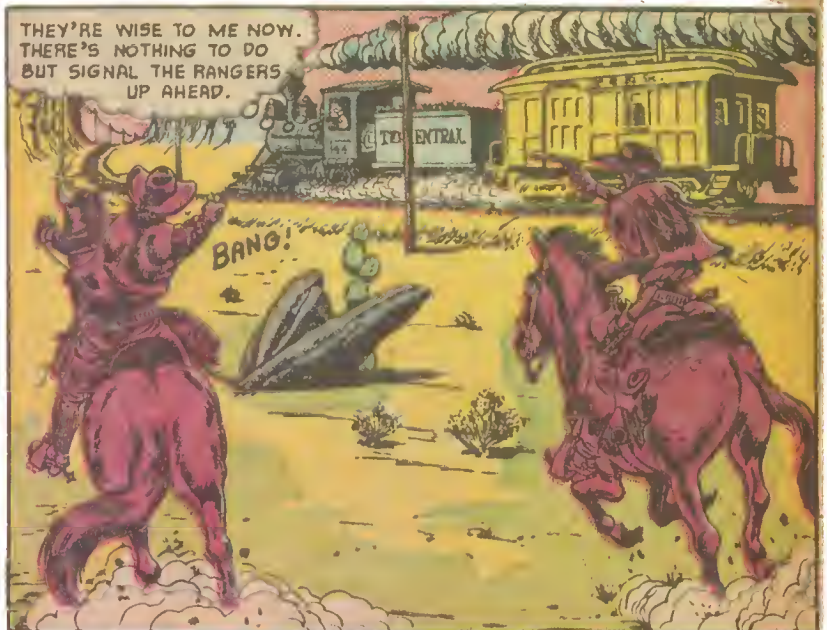
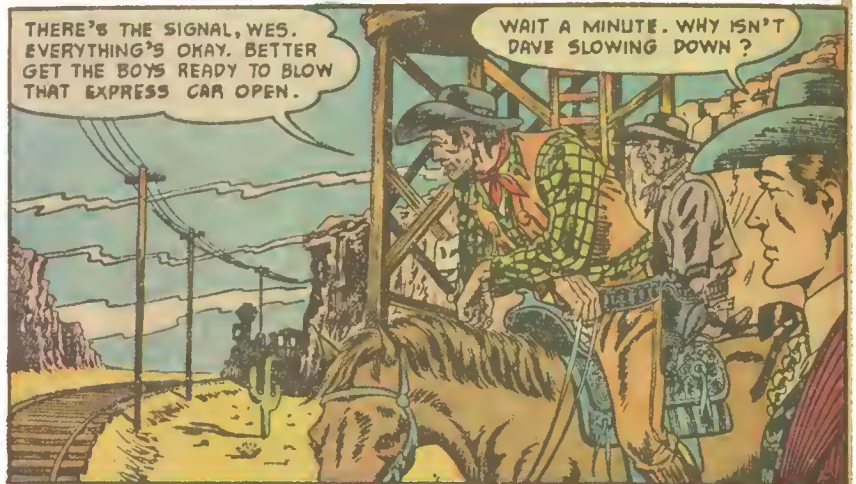
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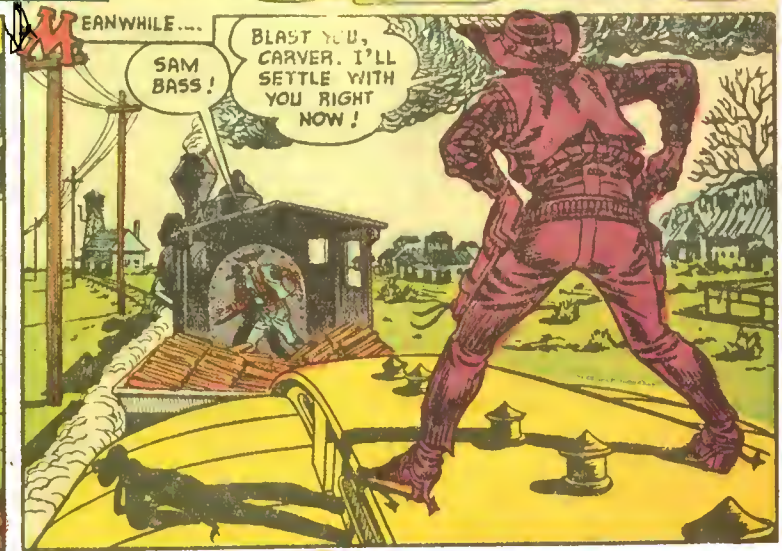
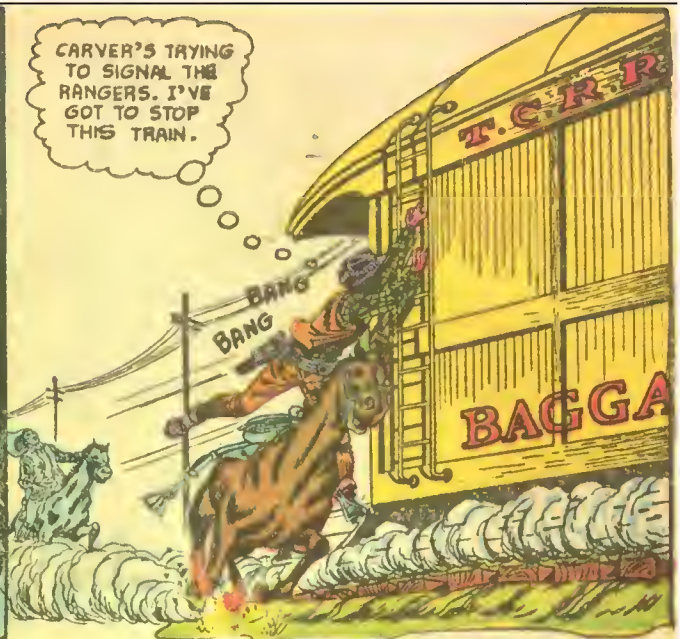


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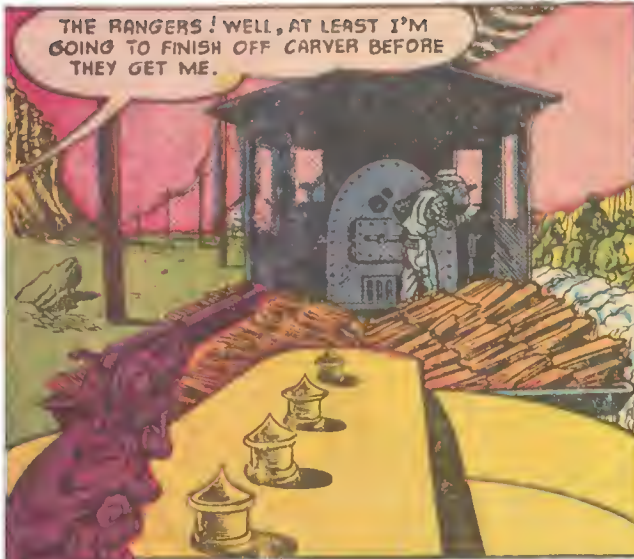


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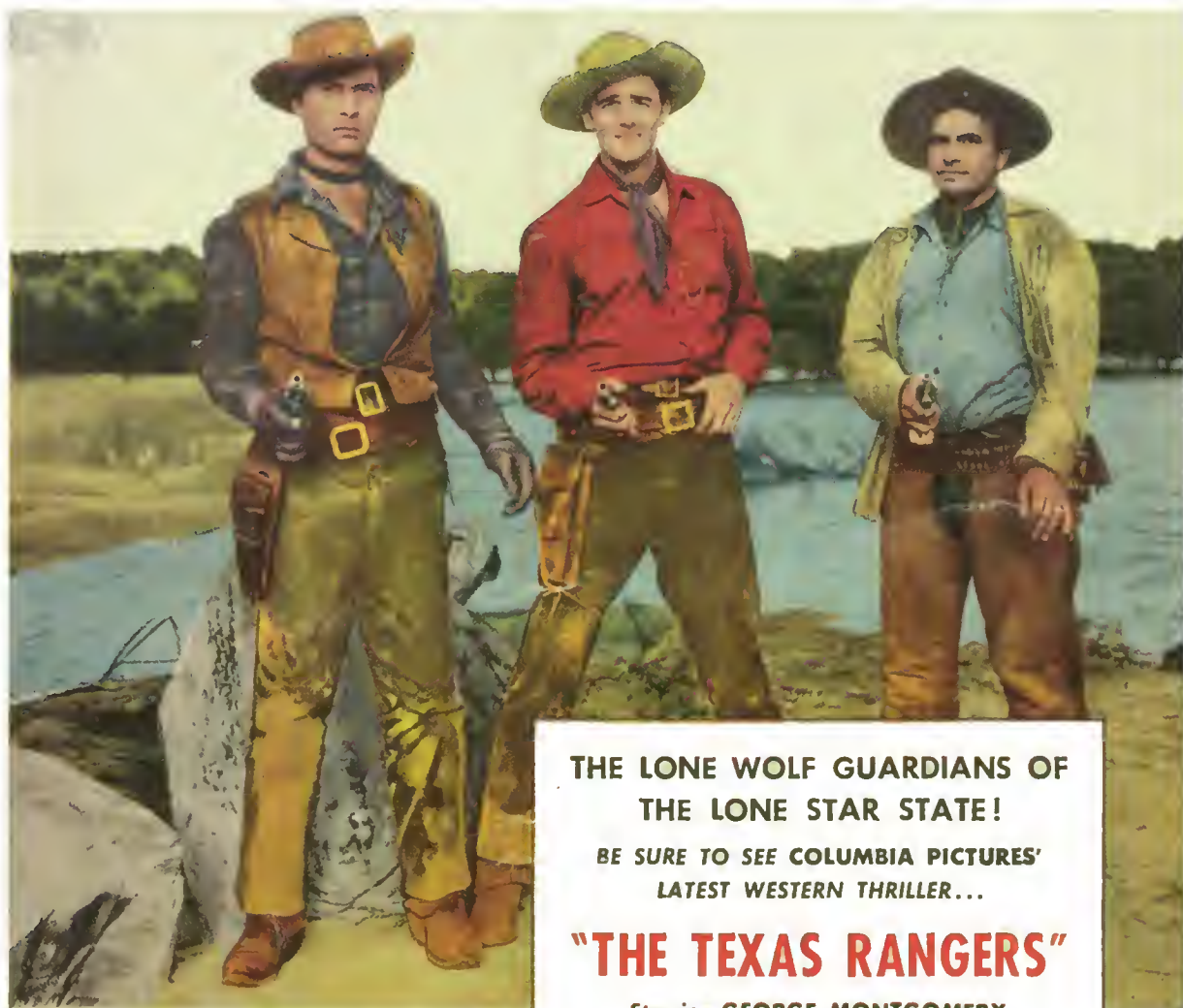
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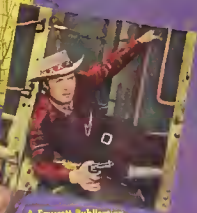
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